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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 19, 2002, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on August 4, 1999 with claims 1-26. Claims 1, 11, 21 and 24 are the independent claims.

In the outstanding Office Action dated April 19, 2002, the Examiner: (1) rejected claims 1-3, 11, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,654,771 (hereinafter "Tekalp"); (2) rejected claims 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,226,410 (hereinafter "O'Rourke"); (3) rejected claims 4-8 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tekalp in view of O'Rourke; and (4) indicated that claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this response, Applicants traverse the §102(b), §102(e) and §103(a) rejections, and respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.